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SUBJECT: CRUISE MISSILE CONSULTATIONS

REFS: A. NATO 6744; B. MCCORMACK/NEWSOM TELECON, 7/15/77

-- C. NATO 6779; D. MCCORMACK/NEWSOM TELECON 7/16/77

1. DATE OF JULY 26 FOR NAC DISCUSSION OF THE CRUISE
MISSILE PAPER (REF A) CAUSES DIFFICULT ADMINISTRATIVE
PROBLEM HERE, AND DATE OF JULY 28, AS DISCUSSED REF B
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WOULD SUIT OUR SCHEDULE BETTER. REQUEST CONFIRMATION
THAT JULY 28 IS ACCEPTABLE. REGARDING QUESTION OF AN
EXPERTS SESSION AFTER THE NAC (REF C), OUR SCHEDULE
WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE THIS.

2. IN ADDITION TO NAC DISCUSSION, GELB AND PARTY ARE
PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO BONN AND LONDON FOR BILATERAL

CRUISE MISSILE DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OF THE KIND REFERRED TO IN REF C, IF FRG AND UK DESIRE.

3. TO MANAGE THE PROPOSED BILATERALS IN BONN AND LONDON WILL CREATE TIGHT SCHEDULE, AS PARTY WISHES TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY. THEREFORE, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WE HAVE WORKED OUT IS AS FOLLOWS:

-- DEPART NEW YORK (JFK) VIA PAA 100 AT 10:00 A.M., JULY 27.

-- ARRIVE BRUSSELS, 12:40 A.M., JULY 28.
(REQUEST MISSION PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST, AND ARRANGE SUITABLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.)

-- MORNING NAC SESSION, JULY 28.

-- DEPART BRUSSELS VIA SABENA 755 AT 12:30 P.M., JULY 28.
ARRIVE COLOGNE AT 12:20 P.M. (TIME CHANGE).
AUTO TRANSPORTATION TO BONN. (REQUEST EMBASSY BONN TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION.)

-- AFTERNOON SESSION WITH FRG OFFICIALS. REMAIN OVERNIGHT BONN. (REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.)

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-- AUTO FROM BONN TO COLOGNE, MORNING OF JULY 29.
(REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION.)

-- DEPART COLOGNE VIA LUFTHANSA 58 AT 12:25 P.M., JULY 29

-- ARRIVE LONDON AT 1:40 P.M. (TIME CHANGE). (REQUEST EMBASSY MEET AND ASSIST.)

-- AFTERNOON SESSION WITH UK OFFICIALS.

-- OVERNIGHT IN LONDON JULY 29. (REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.)

-- DEPART LONDON VIA PAA 107 AT 12:20 P.M., JULY 30.

4. FOR NATO: UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF BETTER TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS TO BONN WHICH WOULD ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING OF MORNING NAC. OUR ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THAT WE ARRIVE IN BONN EARLY ENOUGH IN THE AFTERNOON TO HAVE A FULL SESSION WITH THE FRG OFFICIALS (AT LEAST THREE

HOURS). PLEASE INFORM BONN AND US OF ANY PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO PRESENT SCHEDULE.

5. FOR BONN: REQUEST YOU INFORM FRG THAT GELB AND PARTY WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO BONN ON JULY 28 AFTER THE NAC TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CRUISE MISSILE PAPER AND RELATED QUESTIONS, INCLUDING MORE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, IF FRG WISHES. IN PROPOSING THIS BILATERAL, WE ARE ALSO

SEEKING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GENSCHER'S REQUEST IN HIS JULY 4 LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FOR US/FRG CONSULTATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES. PLEASE OUTLINE TIGHT SCHEDULE AND EXPLAIN NEED FOR A LATE AFTERNOON SESSION. IF THESE
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ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY TO FRG, WE WILL CONFIRM OUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND ARRIVAL TIME WHEN COMPLETELY FIRM.

6. FOR LONDON: REQUEST YOU MAKE SIMILAR PROPOSAL TO HMG FOR A MEETING IN AFTERNOON OF JULY 29.

7. MR. GELB WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. WALTER SLOCOMBE, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, COLONEL JAMES GRANGER, JCS, DR. EDWARD IFFT, STATE, MR. ERIC NEWSOM, STATE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ACDA. MR. DAVID MARTIN FROM THE DELEGATION IN GENEVA WILL JOIN THE PARTY IN BRUSSELS. (WE ASSUME MARTIN WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIMSELF.) ALL MEMBERS OF MR. GELB'S PARTY ARE CLEARED FOR NATO COSMIC TOP SECRET.

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